

All the severall  
**ORDINANCES**  
**DIRECTIONS**  
**AND**  
**VOTES** &  
**OF THE**  
**LORDS and COMMONS**  
Assembled in  
**PARLIAMENT,**

For the speedy Establishing of the  
Presbyteriall Government.

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**O**rdred by the Lords assembled in Parliament,  
That these Ordinances, Directions, and Votes  
be forthwith printed and published.

*Job. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.*

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London printed for *Iohn Wright* at the Kings  
Head in the old Bayley. 1645.

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Die Veneris 20. Febr. 1645.

*Resolved by the Lords and Commons in  
Parliament assembled.*

**T**hat there be forthwith a Choice made of Elders thorowout the Kingdome of *England* and Dominion of *Wales* in the respective Parish Churches and Chappels; according to such Directions as have already passed both Houses, bearing date the 19. of August 1645. and since that time: And all Classes and Parochiall Congregations respectively are hereby authorized and required forthwith effectually to proceed therein accordingly.

*Resolved, &c.*

**T**hat notice of the Election of Parochiall and Congregationall Elders,  
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and of the time when it shall be, be given  
by the Minister in the publike Assembly  
the next Lords Day but one before: And  
that on that said Lords Day a Sermon be  
preached preparatory to that weighty bu-  
sinesse.

*Resolved, &c.*

**T** Hat such Election shall be made by  
the Congregation, or the major part  
of them then assembled, being such as have  
taken the Nationall Covenant, and are not  
Persons under age, nor Servants that have  
no Families.

*Resolved, &c.*

**T** Hat these three Votes be forthwith  
communicated to the Lord Mayor,  
and immediatly put in due execution.

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Die Jovis 26. Febr. 1645.

*Resolved by the Lords and Commons in  
Parliament assembled,*

**T**hat the Tryers of Elections of Elders shall have power to hear and determine all Exceptions brought unto them concerning undue Elections; as well as to receive them; And also to call before them all persons Elected to be Elders, (and accepting such Election) against whom any Exceptions shall be brought in; And to send for such Witnesses as shall be nominated to them, by such persons as shall bring in the said Exceptions; And shall have power to examine upon Oath, both the persons bringing in such Exceptions, and the said Witnesses, concerning any undue proceedings in the manner of the said Election

tion, and concerning all matters of Ignorance and Scandall, objected against the person elected, and expressed in any Ordinance of Parliament, to bee a sufficient cause of Suspention from the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, and of which any Eldership by Ordinance of Parliament, hath cognizance and jurisdiction; And that shall be proved to have been committed within one whole year before the Exceptions exhibited; And that the person against whom the Exceptions are taken, shall have the like liberty to produce Witnesses to be examined in like manner on his behalf.

*Resolved, &c.*

That the Triers shall have power to examine whether the Elders that are to be chosen, be so qualified as is expressed in the Ordinance which hath passed both Houses.

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